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EDUCATION

2010 Doctorate of Philosophy, Sociology, Kent State University.
Dissertation Title: "Race, Education and Social Reproduction: A Study of Educational Careers in the United States."

Committee: Dr. C. André Christie-Mizell (Chair), Dr. Richard T. Serpe, Dr. Cheryl Elman, Dr. Clare Stacey, Dr. Amoaba Gooden.

Comprehensive Exams: 1) Research Methods and Statistics, 2) Theory, and 3) Racial Inequality and Education.

2005 Master of Arts, Sociology, Kent State University.

Thesis Title: "Gender, Status and Interaction in the Medical Interview: A Quasi-Experiment in Social Psychology."

Committee: Dr. Timothy Gallagher (Chair), Dr. Allison Bianchi, Dr. Stan Gregory.

2003 Bachelor of Arts, Sociology, Kent State University, Summa Cum Laude, Honor's College

EMPLOYMENT

2010- Wayne State University, Detroit, MI. Assistant Professor of Sociology, August . present

2005- The Science Study, NIH Research Grant, Research Assistant, Kent State University,
2010 Kent, OH

2003- Graduate Assistant, Department of Sociology, Kent State University, Kent, OH
2004

RESEARCH AND TEACHING SPECIALIZATIONS

Sociology of Education
Quantitative Methodology
Social Psychology
Race and Ethnicity
Social Inequalities

PUBLICATIONS

- 2014 **David M. Merolla** and Richard T. Serpe. “STEM Enrichment Programs and Graduate School Matriculation: The Importance of Science Identity” Forthcoming in: *Social Psychology of Education: An International Journal*
- 2013 **David M. Merolla**. “The Net Black Advantage in Educational Transitions: An Education Careers Approach.” Forthcoming in: *American Educational Research Journal* (DOI:10.3102/0002831213486511)
- 2013 Kris Baughman, Ruth Ludwick, **David M. Merolla**, Barbara Palmisano, Suzan Hazlett and Kyle R. Allen. “Predictors of Advance Care Planning: Disentangling Consumer and Provider Predictors of Advance Care Planning.” Forthcoming in: *The American Journal of Hospice and Palliative Care*.
- 2013 Zavin Nazaretian* and **David M. Merolla**. “Questioning Canadian Criminal Incidence Rates: A Re-analysis of the 2004 Canadian Victimization Survey.” *Canadian Journal of Criminology and Criminal Justice*. Forthcoming.
*Graduate Student Co-Author
- 2012 **David M. Merolla**, Richard T. Serpe, Sheldon Stryker and P.Wesley Schultz. “Structural Precursors to Identity Processes: The Role of Proximate Social Structures.” *Social Psychology Quarterly* 75(2): 149-172.
- 2012 Kris Baughman, Ruth Ludwick, **David M. Merolla**, Barb Palmisano, Susan Hazelett Jan Winchell and Michael Hewitt. “Professional Judgments about Advance Care Planning with Community Dwelling Consumers.” *Journal of Pain and Symptom Management* 43(1): 10-19.
- 2011 **David M. Merolla**, Mathew O. Hunt and Richard T. Serpe. “Concentrated Disadvantage and Beliefs about the Causes of Poverty: A Multi-Level Analysis.” *Sociological Perspectives* 54 (2): 205-227.
- 2008 **David M. Merolla**. “The War on Drugs and the Gender Gap in Arrests: A Critical Perspective.” *Critical Sociology* 34 (2) 255-270.

- 2005 Gallagher, Timothy, Paul Hartung, Holly Gerzina, Sanford Gregory, and **Dave Merolla**. "Further Analysis of a Doctor-Patient Non-verbal Communication Instrument." *Patient Education and Counseling* 57(3): 262-71.

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

C. André Christie-Mizell and **David M. Merolla**. "Theorizing and Explaining the Black-White Gap in Mathematics Achievement: Wealth, Mediation, Resource Amplification, and a Black Southern Advantage." Revise and Resubmit at *American Sociological Review*

David M. Merolla "Beyond Oppositional Culture: A New Perspective on Racial Differences in Student Attitudes and Beliefs." Paper under review at *Race, Gender and Class*

FUNDED RESEARCH GRANTS

- 2012 **David M. Merolla**. "Underclass Neighborhoods and Long Term Educational Outcomes." Wayne State University Research Grant. \$10,000.
- 2010 **David M. Merolla**. With Kris Baughman (PI), Barbara Palmisano, Ruth Ludwick and Sue Hazlett. *Professional Judgements about Advanced Care Planning among Community Dwelling Consumers*. Funded by The Northeast Ohio Colleges University of Medicine. \$20,000.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2013 **David M. Merolla** and Richard T. Serpe. "STEM Enrichment Programs and Graduate School Matriculation: The Importance of Science Identity" Presented to the American Sociological Association, New York, NY
- 2013 **David M. Merolla**. "Oppositional Culture, Black Habitus and the Racial Gap in Educational Achievement." Presented to the Race, Gender and Class Conference; New Orleans, LA
- 2011 Amy Petersen* and **David M. Merolla**. "The Effect of Social Support on Parent and Child Distress during Painful Pediatric Oncology Procedures." Presented to the Michigan Sociological Association, Grand Rapids, MI
*Graduate Student Co-Author

- 2011 **David M. Merolla** “Believe to Achieve: Determinants of Educational Expectations During and Immediately After High School” Presented to the American Sociological Association; Las Vegas, NV
- 2011 **David M. Merolla.** “The Net Black Advantage in Educational Transitions: An Education Careers Approach.” Presented to the Pacific Sociological Association; Seattle, WA
- 2010 **David M. Merolla** and C. André Christie-Mizell. “Race, Wealth, and Mathematics Achievement over Time” Presented to the North Coast Sociological Association and Midwest Sociological Society (Joint Meeting); Chicago, IL.
- 2010 Kris Baughman, Ruth Ludwick, **David M. Merolla**, Barb Palmisano, Susan Hazelett Jan Winchell and Michael Hewitt. “Advance Care Planning: The Importance of Situational Features and Personal Characteristics.” Presented to the Gerontological Society of America; New Orleans, LA.
- 2009 **David M. Merolla** and C. André Christie-Mizell. “Race, Wealth, and Mathematics Achievement. Presented to the American Sociological Association; San Francisco, CA.
- 2009 **David M. Merolla.** “Racial Differences in the Correlates of Educational Transitions.” Presented to the Pacific Sociological Association; San Diego, CA.
- 2008 **David M. Merolla** and Richard T Serpe. “Cultivating Interest in Scientific Careers for Women and Minorities: The Role of Self-Concept.” Presented to the American Sociological Association; Boston, MA
- 2008 **David M. Merolla.** “Wealth, Race and Inequalities in Mathematics Achievement.” Presented to the North Central Sociological Association, Cincinnati, OH.
- 2008 **David M. Merolla**, Matthew O. Hunt, and Richard T. Serpe. “Local Community and Beliefs About Stratification: A Multi-Level Analysis.” Presented to the Pacific Sociological Association; Portland, OR.
- 2007 **David M. Merolla.** “Gender, Status and Interaction in the Medical Interview: A Quasi-Experiment in Social Psychology.” Presented to the North Coast Sociological Association and Midwest Sociological Society (Joint Meeting); Chicago IL.
- 2006 Gallagher, Timothy J. Gregory Jr., Stanford W., Bianchi, Alison, and **Dave Merolla.** “A Second Empirical Test of Expectations States Theory in Medical Interviews”. Presented to the North Coast Sociological Association; Pittsburgh PA.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate:

Advanced Social Statistics, Department of Sociology Wayne State University

Advanced Survey of Approaches and Techniques of Social Research, Department of Sociology, Wayne State University

Social Statistics, Department of Sociology, Wayne State University

Advanced Research and Statistical Methods Department of Public Administration and Urban Studies, University of Akron

Undergraduate:

Methods of Social Research, Department of Sociology, Wayne State University

Computing Applications for Social Sciences, Department of Sociology, Wayne State University

Sociological Analysis, Department of Sociology, Kent State University

Inequality in Society, Department of Sociology, Kent State University

Social Problems, Department of Sociology Kent State University

AWARDS

2013 President's Award for Excellence in Teaching, Wayne State University

2012 American Educational Research Association Faculty Institute, Funded Participant

2011 Humanities Center Resident Scholar, Wayne State University

2010 Kent State University Ph.D Fellowship

2009 Kent State University Teaching Council Graduate Applause Award

2008 Outstanding Ph.D Student, Department of Sociology, Kent State University

2005 Outstanding Master's Student, Department of Sociology, Kent State University

SERVICE

Departmental Service

Frank Hartung Award Committee
Shirley Falconer Slayman Award Committee
Coordinator for Student Research and Award Day
Assessment Committee
Graduate Committee
Undergraduate Committee
Coordinating Committee
Search Committee
External Chair Search Committee

University Service

2013-2014 Wayne State University Humanities Center Advisory Board

Ad Hoc Reviewer for:

Social Psychology Quarterly, American Sociological Review, American Educational Research Journal, Sociology of Education, Journal of Family Issues, Sociological Spectrum, Sociological Forum.

Graduate Student Advising

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Completed

Omari Jackson (2013)

In progress

Zavin Nazaretian, William Jackson,

Ph.D. Committee Member

Completed

Jennifer Lawson, Brian Kingry Satis Devkota (Economics)

In progress

Amy Petersen, Beth Simmert, Jennifer Lawson, Ryan Duff, Rolla Bazi-Gates, Monita Mungo, Ted Pride, Lisa Stack Nayan Joshi (Economics)

M.A. Adviser

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Alexandra Hutting, Linda Smith

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Professional Organizations

American Sociological Association
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